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## EXTRACT.

## WHERE DOES THE DAY BEGIN?

The following instructive letter, signed "T. H. Clark," appears in the *English Mechanic*. "Your highly esteemed correspondent, 'T. H. A. S.'," says that this subject has been thoroughly threshed out; but I do not feel that this is the case, and I think it is rather one which will continue to grow in interest the more it is popularly understood, and especially when it becomes known that the spot where the day begins can be accurately located, and that something happens there quite unlike what occurs elsewhere. The theory of the subject is indeed perfectly understood; but the facts of the case are very little known even to scientific men, for it is not a matter dependent in any way on science or astronomy, but a mere question of fact dependent on accident alone. One would expect that the starting-point of time for the whole human race would have been a spot as interesting to travellers, and as celebrated as the source of the Nile or the Congo; and whenever the poets grasp the mystery of it, it is only to make it the mysterious fount of time, they will certainly not fail to sing of it. Most people imagine that if we were living at the spot where the day commences, we should observe nothing extraordinary, but that the days would glide evenly by, as they do in Europe and elsewhere; but this is by no means the case. If the spot from which the day starts should happen to be on land (and as a matter of fact it is so), we must be prepared to expect some interesting anomalies there. I pointed out in *Nature*, May 9, 1873, that the day starting-point of time really occurs at Sitka, in Alaska, in what was the Russian portion of North America. After having long and vainly sought for this information among travellers and geographers, I met with it in a small book entitled "The Geographical Reader," by C. B. Clarke, M.A., London, 1875. At p. 19 the author says: "At the town of Sitka, in Alaska, half the population are Russian who have arrived from Russia across Asia; half the population are Americans who have arrived from the United States. Hence, when it is Sunday with the Russians, it is Saturday with the Americans. The Russians are busy on Monday while the Americans are in church on Sunday, to the great interruption of business." Here, then, is evidently the answer to the question, Where does the day begin? As this territory has now been ceded to the United States, the Russian chronology must gradually but inevitably die out, and the starting-point will doubtless thereafter be where it ought to be—viz., on one of the Aleutian or Bering Straits islands following Russian away, so that no inconvenience will be felt by anybody. We may record the boundary line between Alaska and American territory as a portion of a meridian, and not a very amusing and seemingly paradoxical result. Your theory, quite opposed to our common opinion. Let us for example consider the coming New Year's Day of 1888. The longitude of Sitka is such that the new year will commence there about 9 o'clock in the morning of next Saturday, December 31 (Greenwich time); during the first three hours the new year will only have passed about as far as New Zealand. All the rest of the world will still be in 1887. Any person born in this region will date his birth from January, 1888; but his cousins, born in Europe many hours afterwards, will date their birth from 1887. He will be the younger in age, but the older in date, and if he chances to inherit a family estate, and if he may possibly afford some day an interesting case for the ingenuity of the lawyers and an apt illustration of the utility of universal time. Fifteen hours later the new year will have reached England, and the midnight peals will joyfully herald its advent; after twenty-four hours the earth will have completed its revolution, and a new day will have begun before the next day starts; the entire world will be living under the date of January 1, 1888. But, now, let us for a moment consider the case of the people living on the American side of the line. The first of January will have only just commenced for them, and they will have to wait twenty-four hours longer before it will terminate; it follows from this that each day crisis on some part of the earth for forty-eight hours, and for the same reason the year-endures for 365 days; during the whole of the first twenty-four hours we have 1887 on one side of the line and 1888 on the other. A Russian can at any time cross the borders and spend yesterday with his friends, or an American can cross the border and spend today with his friends, and he will find it to-morrow and enjoy the New Year's dinner with his Russian neighbours and return home in ample time to spend the evening of the old year with his family. If he stands astride on the boundary line there will be an instant during which his foot will be in the yesterday morning, the other in the yesterday night, while his body will be still in to-day—that is, the day just expiring—and, if he enjoys the position, he may remain there throughout a day forty-eight hours long. The whole problem is an instructive one, and sufficiently interesting to be more generally known and understood."

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**A BURIED TREASURE.**  
Towards the end of the year 1812 a Danish sailor, named Christian Cruise, obtained an introduction to one of the superior officials at the Admiralty and told a strange story. A few years earlier he had been struck with yellow fever, and had been sent to the hospital at Santa Cruz. There he had met with a Spanish sailor. The Spaniard had died; but a few days before his death he had made a confession to Cruise.  
In 1804, the Spaniard had said, I was returning in a Spanish ship from South America to Cadix, with a cargo which included about two millions of dollars in gold, and within a few days' sail of Cadix, we boarded a vessel, from which we learned that war had been declared and that British cruisers would prevent our reaching a Spanish port. The captain resolved to try back for the West Indies, and so to endeavour to save the treasure; but the crew, who were anxious to get home, greatly objected to this proceeding; and one morning, when the vessel was off a cluster of small uninhabited islands fifty leagues to the southward of Madeira and nearly in its longitude, they mutinied, killed the captain, and divided the ship into little boats on the south side of one of the islands. I do not know the name of the island, but it was about three miles long, and was high, flat, and green to the top. The crew landed the chests of dollars, cut a trench in the sand above high water mark, buried the treasure, depositing upon it a box the body of the murdered captain; and then put to sea. Of course they intended to return at a favourable opportunity; but the ship set ashore on one of the barren keys near Azores and went to pieces, only two men escaping.  
Such was the substance of the confession. The Spaniard added that of the two survivors of the wreck one had since died. The narrator, therefore, alone of living beings knew of the buried treasure; and he, also died soon after he had confided his secret to Cruise.  
The Admiralty people seem to have told the Danes that they didn't believe him; yet the Secretary, at the instigation of Lord Liverpool and Mr. Vansittart, wrote to Sir Richard Bickerton, the Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, and directed him to put Cruise on board the first King's ship that was likely to touch at Madeira, and to order the captain of the vessel to make researches into the truth of the man's statements. It so happened that Captain (afterwards Admiral

Sir) Hercules Robinson was at the time visiting his ship, the *Exmouth*, at Portsmouth. Admiral Bickerton introduced him to Cruise, and told him to undertake the mission. The record of what followed is taken from Sir Hercules Robinson's own account of it.

Captain Robinson carefully examined and cross-questioned the man, and arrived at a strong conviction of his honesty. Cruise asked for no reward unless the sequel should prove the truth of his story; and he satisfactorily explained why he had no long delayed putting his information into the hands of the authorities. There was only one group of islands which at all corresponded with the cluster that had been described by the dying Spaniard. This was the group which is known as the Salvages; and thither the Spaniard sailed. On his way, however, he was anchored for some time in Funchal Roads, Madeira; and while he was on the island, some years before, the fall of a foreign ship, together with two boxes of dollars, had been found. This naturally suggested to him that he was further gladdened when one fine morning, not long after, he found himself off the Great Salvage, which "certainly was about a league in circumference, flat at top, and green with salsoia or saltwort and other alkaline plants," while, "on hauling round the east point, there was the sandy bay with the white beach, and the little level spot above high water mark, just as we wanted to find it." Captain Robinson must have felt at that moment that he was "getting very warm." Two millions of dollars are worth, roughly, £400,000; and a naval officer who succeeds in recovering anything like that amount of treasure is tolerably sure of profiting considerably.

The captain sent for his officers and told them the whole story; but he desired them to announce only half the truth to the men. They were told to search for a murdered sailor who was supposed to be buried somewhere above high water mark; and, accordingly, fifty-six of the ship's crew, with shovels and boarding-pikes, were landed and were informed that the discoverer of the coffin should receive a large reward. The great difficulty was that the white sand extended all round the bay, and that consequently there were very many acres of it. But the men were set to work in the most likely spots, and for some hours they worked there, and for many years, but in vain, and, at night, coming on board, Captain Robinson ordered the boats on board again, and without making any further explanations, weighed and stood away for Madeira. Judging from his despatch to Lord Amulius Beaulieu, he may have found it impossible to effect a second landing. He kept the secret for many years, but in 1851 he allowed the narrative to be printed; and he then declared—"If I were asked for my own opinion, I would say that my judgment leans—(1) to the probability of some such transaction having occurred. So much so, that I had always intended, if future service brought it within my reach, to attempt to effect a second landing of this little bay, and I do certainly think it worth the while of any yachtsman in want of a pursuit to try what this might turn up." But Sir Hercules never revisited the Salvages, and we have not heard whether any yachtsman has followed his advice. Why should not some one yet do so? The Salvages are not many days from Southampton, and there is more evidence in their favour than there ever was in favour of numbers of supposed boards over the attempted recovery of which thousands have been spent in vain.—*St. James's Gazette.*

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SIMPSON & Co., Agents.

**THE MARINE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.  
CAPITAL (SUBSCRIBED)—£1,000,000.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL—£1,000,000.  
TOTAL ASSETS—£1,000,000.  
CLAIMS PAID EXCEEDED—£1,000,000.  
RISKS ACCEPTED AT CURRENT RATES OF PREMIUM.  
JAN. B. COUGHTREY, Secretary.

**THE NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
5 YEAR DIVIDEND POLICY.  
THIS Policy secures to the insured the option of terminating his Insurance at the end of any 5 year period, and receiving for his Policy a cash surrender value together with his share of accumulated surplus apportioned as a dividend. If death occur, the full amount of the Policy will be paid immediately on proof of death, together with a Mortality Dividend of 50 per cent. of all premiums received during the 5 year period in which death occurs.  
Prospectus and full particulars may be had on application to—  
BIRLEY DALEY & Co., Agents.  
New York Life Insurance Co.,  
Hongkong, 13th January, 1888. 120

**THE UNDER-SIGNED, Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant POLICIES against FIRE and LIFE at Current Rates.**  
HONGKONG, 1st April, 1888.  
NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.  
THE UNDERSIGNED, Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant INSURANCES to the extent of \$50,000, on first-class risks at current rates.  
MILCHELS & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1888. 119

**THE UNDER-SIGNED, Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant INSURANCES against FIRE at Current Rates.**  
HONGKONG, 14th August, 1887.  
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF 1877 IN HAMBURG.  
THE UNDERSIGNED, Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant INSURANCES against FIRE at Current Rates.  
HONGKONG, 14th January, 1888. 127

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